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☞ **To Mail Subscribers.** ☜

The date on the slip on which your name is printed, tells when your subscription runs out. Keep an eye on it.

### THE NEW BANK LAW.

We print on another page a bill to amend the banking laws of the State, which has been introduced in the Legislature and referred to the proper committee. This, we presume, is only one of several bills which will be presented for the consideration of the Legislature, but it is well worthy the attention of our business men as a basis of those important changes in our banking system which have been shown to be necessary.

### UNION MEETING TO-NIGHT.

We call attention again to the meeting at Metropolitan Hall this (Monday) evening, to take action on the solemn crisis in our national affairs. Since the holding of the Bryan Hall meeting, war has been actually levied against the United States, and an unarmed steamer has been fired into by the most graceless traitors known to our criminal records. Is this a time for "great concessions?" Let those think differently go to Metropolitan Hall and declare their opinions.

### THE ST. LOUIS EXCITEMENT.

An explanation comes from Washington of the order given by Gen. Scott for the occupation of the Government property in St. Louis by U. S. troops. The action was predicated on a bill introduced in the Missouri Legislature to prevent the Mayor or Sheriff of St. Louis from employing the military to suppress riots. This seems to remove from Gen. Frost any suspicion which may have attached to his order for the assembling of the volunteer companies of the city, and we are gratified to make the proper correction in that behalf.

### MR. SEWARD'S SPEECH.

We do not feel justified in remarking at length on Mr. Seward's speech in the Senate on Saturday, from the meagre skeleton which reaches us by telegraph. All good men will applaud the devotion to the Union which is its chief characteristic, and none can fail to admire the impressive peroration in which the eloquent Senator sees posterity awarding a *higher place* to those who now save the Republic than to those who now laid its foundations. This is a bold saying indeed, but Mr. Seward is apt to say bold things, and we believe his contemporaries will not be slow in adopting his language and claiming a share in the elevated plane which it promises to the patriots of 1861.

### CABINET MATTERS.

Telegraphic rumors come from Washington assigning to Wm. O. Butler of Kentucky, Mr. Branch of North Carolina and Mr. Carlisle of Virginia, places in the Cabinet. These things do not point to a "long run" of Union sentiment and Union policy at the White House. On the other hand, it is asserted that a decision has been arrived at on the subject of Lieut. Talbott's mission from Fort Sumter, to the effect that the Government has no concessions to make to South Carolina.

The New York *Times* says that Gen. Dix, the new Secretary of the Treasury, "is a "gentleman of very decided ability, of "large experience in public affairs, and "*thoroughly devoted to the Union and the Constitution.*"

### DEMOCRATIC MASS CONVENTION.

The Democracy of Cook County meet in mass convention at North Market Hall today (Monday) to choose delegates to their State Convention at Springfield. There will doubtless be a full attendance, inasmuch as the questions at issue are of vital moment, and the character of the Cook county delegation will be largely influential in determining the policy of the party in the State.

### THE STAR OF THE WEST.

The steamer Star of the West returned to New York yesterday. She reports having received two shots from the battery on Morris Island, neither of which did any particular damage. It appears that the original design was to have sent the reinforcements down by the sloop-of-war Brooklyn, and arrangements had been made accordingly, when, upon further reflection, it was thought wisest to avoid the appearance of a hostile demonstration, and this commercial steamer was chosen. After the order was sent by the War Department, it was learned that the State authorities had thrown up a redoubt, and planted a battery on the island near the narrow entrance to Charleston harbor, just after crossing the bar. When this fact was discovered, an attempt was made to order the Star of the West to Norfolk, for the purpose of transferring the reinforcements to the Brooklyn, but the dispatch failed, and she went to sea.

It is most probable that the Brooklyn was sent out to intercept the Star of the West, and to engage the battery on Morris Island while she landed her cargo at Fort Sumter, but it appears that she failed of meeting the steamer according to this programme. We are without advices as to the next step proposed by the Government.

### Navigation of the Mississippi.

Those who go down the Mississippi in steamboats, and do business on that great water, are already having a foretaste of the delights of secession. Thirty packets are now tied up at Cairo for want of freight, which were in active service one month since, notwithstanding the river is free of ice below that point, and notwithstanding a heavy gorge below St. Louis is, as yet, but little a day or two, blocked up that important channel of traffic and sent a considerable portion of that trade down the Illinois Central R. R.

It is also a noticeable fact that a number of underwriters in this city have given notice to merchants and shippers of a serious advance in the rates of insurance between New Orleans and Chicago. How far this movement may tend to cripple the trade between the two points we do not know, but it will surely have a tendency to drive our merchants to the eastern cities for those staples which they have been accustomed to purchase at New Orleans.

It is proper to ask the people of Illinois whether they desire to see a foreign nation established between themselves and the Gulf of Mexico—a foreign nation which is altogether likely to be a foreign enemy. It is proper to ask whether they are willing to pass up and down that stream under the guns of hostile forts at Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and Baton Rouge. These are practical questions.

P. S.—Since the above was written, we learn by telegraph that an artillery company have stationed themselves on Vicksburg bluffs to overlay all river craft passing up or down, and of course to sink such boats as do not give satisfactory reasons for being permitted to proceed. The action of our underwriters was taken none too early for their own security.

THE WEATHER.—The following is the range of the thermometer for the week as noted by E. L. O'Har, Apothecary and Physician, corner of West Randolph and Canal streets:

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### Abolition of Slavery in Nebraska.

We have been placed in possession of the veto message of Gov. Black, of Nebraska, returning to the House of Representatives its bill for the abolition of slavery in that Territory, and the accompanying documents. The bill is as follows:

§ 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Nebraska.* That slavery or involuntary servitude, except for the commission of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, is hereby prohibited within this Territory.

§ 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. HENRY W. DEPUY,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
WM. H. TAYLOR,
*President of the Council.*

Gov. Black's objections to the act are both moral and material, both political and pecuniary. He holds first that it is in violation of the Constitution of the United States as expounded in the Dred Scott decision; and second, that its tendency will be to turn cattle drovers from Texas away from the highways of Nebraska—he, (Gov. Black) having heard that eight hundred head of beeves crossed the Missouri River at Nebraska City last summer *en route* from Texas to Chicago. "The future "of Nebraska," says Gov. B. "is linked with Texas." Furthermore, he continues, "The "chief part of our river trade is with Saint "Louis and other parts of Missouri. No steamboat with a hired slave on board, can with safety, touch the shores of Nebraska, for this "law, which I understand you are determined to pass, notwithstanding these serious objections, is *unqualified* in its terms and *immediate* in operation. Is it not perfectly plain, "that the effect must be to diminish in some "degree our commercial facilities."

The views of the House concerning Gov. Black's objections are shown in the following record appended to the veto:

The question being "Shall the bill pass, the Governor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding?" upon which the ayes and nays were demanded, with the following result:

AYES—Messrs. Baker, Barrett, Beane, Cavins, Chase, Clemmer, Coleman, Cotterell, Cowles, Davidson, Davis, Fisher, Gates, Gilmour, Green, Griffin, Hacker, Hoover, Lowe, Matthias, Mead, Millard, Mullen, Parker, Redick, Reed, Sibley, Sollenberger, Tisdel and Whaley—31.

NAYS—Messrs. Downs and Porter—2.

Two-thirds having voted for the bill, it was passed.

GEO. L. SEYBOLT,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a nearly unanimous vote, and has thus become a law.

About three weeks ago two mulatto girls were sold at auction in Nebraska City, on an execution against the white man claiming to own their service or labor. They were bought by a Missouri trader for the New Orleans market. Hereafter, it is presumed, experiments of this sort will not be made with impunity.

### FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 12, 1861.

NEW ARRIVALS, POLITICAL AND PERSONAL.

Of the arrivals in town to-day, gossip assigns political significance to that of Jas. Appleton, Jr. of Boston, and Senator elect Eugene Cowan and J. P. Sanderson of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sanderson was here a few weeks ago with Mr. Cameron.

An impromptu presentation of a handsome, richly-ornamented, gold-headed cane was made to Mr. Lincoln this morning in the business office of the St. Nicholas, by a returned Californian, and old friend and client of his. Mr. Lincoln was called upon to-day by an old farmer of Indiana named Jones, for whom, thirty years ago, he worked as a common farm hand at one dollar per day.

THOUSELS APPREHENDED IN ST. LOUIS.

A great deal of interest is manifested in the probable result of the Union meeting in St. Louis this evening. The Missouri *Democrat* office is said to be in danger, and several threatening Missourians stopping here have not hesitated to predict the destruction of that office within forty-eight hours.

There is a report current and generally believed that the nullifiers will provoke an attack on the Union men, particularly the Germans, and endeavor to disperse those who assemble to declare their devotion to the Constitution and the laws. The conviction is strengthened by the recent action of the Missouri Legislature in reference to that city, and by the known fact that there is a body of men organized for any desperate purpose, and affiliated with the secret societies or lodges which are found in Virginia and the Cotton States. The letter from Chicago printed in the *Republican* a fortnight ago, detailing the plans of an abolition attack on St. Louis, is supposed to have been written to induce new enlistments in the Illegal Force. Our friends, forewarned, may save the ruffians by their imposing numbers, and thus insure peace. The result is looked for with great anxiety.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate was occupied all the morning on a bill from the Committee of Banks and Incorporations, to incorporate the Rock Island Agricultural and Mechanical Association, with idatructions to report a General Law under which such organizations may be perfected. The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings were instructed to examine the executive mansion, and to report how much expenditure is necessary to put the house in order for the residence of the Governor, and the Senate adjourned over until Monday.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.—In the House the opposition insisting that every bill shall be read at length, a resolution was introduced and carried, appointing a Reading Clerk. The House concurred in the Senate resolution to visit Bloomington on the 24th inst., to assist in the inauguration of the State Normal University.

APPORTIONMENT BILLS.—To the Senate Committee on the apportionment bill consisting of Messrs. Marshall, Jayne, Blodgett and Knapp, the House joined Messrs. Hurlburt, Jarrot Vandevoer, Schofield, Scammon, Weldon Hacker, Johnson and Rollston. Under the new apportionment, the Chicago District will have seven members.

BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.

A communication was received from the Auditor, in reply to a joint resolution of inquiry, informing the House that, according to his judgment and knowledge, the provisions of the Banking Law, in the case of the Bank of the Republic, had been complied with.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Ankney of Stephenson, a bill for an act to provide for an agricultural and botanical survey of the State. It contemplates the appointment of a State botanist and chemist, who shall make a scientific examination of the plants and soils of the State with a view, if practicable, of widening our system of agricultural industry by the introduction of cotton, hemp, flax, tobacco, sorghum, &c., &c. By Mr. Craig of Vermillion, a bill to amend section eleven, revised statutes, entitled Judgments. It repeals so much of the law as requires the lands sold under said act to be advertised in the newspapers. By Mr. Church of McHenry, a bill for an act to amend chapter twenty-fourth Revised Statutes of 1845, entitled Conveyances. Provides that when papers which are entitled to record are needed in evidence in trials, either the record or a transcript may be used if the party or his attorney shall make affidavit or state on oath that the original papers be out of his power to produce. Affidavits may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths in any county or State, if properly certified. The House was engaged most of the morning in routine and the introduction of private bills, and at noon adjourned over till Monday.

### Chicago to Green Bay.

The enterprising officers of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad are bound to reach Green Bay. Once there, a short steamboat route will give connections with the Northern peninsula, and a few hours stage ride will then give us the quickest possible through connections with Lake Superior. Every step of progress in the completion of so important a line is of value to our city and the traveling public. The line is now finished to Neenah the head of the extensive Slack-Water improvements on Fox River of Wisconsin. Neenah and Menasha, two thriving towns north of Oshkosh, are now brought into railroad connection with our city, and the line will be shortly opened through to Appleton. It is a most important railroad enterprise and is now in a condition healthy and growing.

## THE CITY.

THE PRINTERS' FESTIVAL.—The Annual Festival of the Typographical Union at the Briggs House, on Thursday evening, will be one of the most brilliant affairs of the season.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—J. B. Rice, Esq., has been appointed a Notary Public by Governor Wood.

IN CUSTODY.—Charles Dean, a jail breaker, from Lacon, has been arrested in this city and returned to Marshall County.

LARCENY OF A WATCH.—Thomas Johnson, a colored boy has been held to bail in $500 for larceny of a gold watch from the Barber's shop in the Methodist Church Block.

WEST SIDE UNION DEPOT.—The trains of the St. Louis, Alton & Chicago Railroad will leave from the Union Depot, corner of Madison and Canal streets (West Side), on and after Monday, Jan. 14th.

MEDICAL.—The *Medical Investigator*, published by Halsey & King, at No. 108 South Clark street, gives a capital number to commence the year. It is full of valuable matter of the Homœopathic order.

A FINGER OF WARNING TO BOYS.—A lad named James Dolan got one of his fingers badly crushed in the gearing of a derrick at a sewer opening on State street, on Saturday.

THE CITY MISSION.—All persons who have sold tickets for the Tableaux and Dinner will please meet at Dr. Alport's, Monday, January 4th, at 3 P. M. Also, the Dining and Executive Committee.

A DISHONEST DOMESTIC.—A girl named Sophia Waldron was held to bail on Saturday for the larceny of valuable articles of clothing from a family on North Wells street, with whom she was at service.

LECTURE POSTPONED.—The Rev. Dr. Tiffany's lecture on Temperance, for Monday evening, the 14th inst., before the Tenth Ward Temperance Legion, is postponed till Monday evening, the 21st, owing to a pressing engagement.

HELD TO BAIL.—Before Justice Akin on Saturday Richard Hossler, residing in the West Division was held to bail in $500 for examination on a charge of attempting to kill his wife. He is in jail. It is alleged that he is crazy. He seems to be about equally the victim of bad whisky and natural ugliness.

NATIONAL HOTEL.—The hotel structure on the corner of Van Buren and State streets has just been leased and opened as the National Hotel, for a hotel boarding house, by R. K. Brush, who possesses experience, means, and disposition to keep it in the front rank in its class of establishments.

A MAN WITH MANY NAMES.—We have several times referred to the larcenies of a man with many aliases Dickinson alias Stickles "*et. al.*" He now figures as a jail-breaker. He was taken from this city to Kankakee on a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, and there managed to play Jack Shepard on the officers. He has not been retaken.

OPEN AGAIN.—The public interested therein will be glad to hear that the horse railroad on Madison street is to be at once put in order and cars will be running in a day or two. The residents on the South-western quarter of our city will be glad to learn that this is the case. The tardy completion of the tunnel at the bridge has been the cause of much inconvenience both to residents and the City Railway Company.

FIRE ON NORTH CLARK STREET.—A little after midnight of Friday, a fire broke out in the building No. 225 North Clark street, owned by Frederick Kohlman. Damage $350 on building. The lower floor was occupied by Christian Buhl, a shoe store. He did not say anything. Loss light. The second story front room was occupied by Sophier Tier, butcher; and the back rooms by Mr. Tomer, expressman, for dwelling. The furniture was damaged somewhat.

WHOLESALE HARDWARE.—We call attention to the card in another column, of J. S. Buchanan, who succeeds Messrs. Honore & Co. at their well known stand, in the Wholesale Hardware business. Mr. Buchanan has been long and favorably known to our community as a gentleman of integrity, enterprise, and sagacity, and these well established qualities he will bring to his new position, and to its requirements. The stock is in every respect one of the largest and finest in the Northwest, and we call the attention of the trade and the public in general to the announcement pertaining to the same, in another column.

A SCENE AT THE THEATRE.—On Saturday evening, on the occasion of the last appearance of the Webb Sisters, a vast audience crowded McVicker's Theatre. During the progress of the last play "The Invisible Prince"—a casual allusion to the gallant Major Anderson was the occasion of one of the most striking scenes ever witnessed in this city. The entire audience rose to their feet, joined in the hand-kerchief, and cheer after cheer resounded through the edifice. There is evidently but one sentiment pervading the great Northwest —"THE UNION—IT MUST BE PRESERVED!"

CHICAGO ART UNION.—The attention of our readers is directed to the new advertisement of the Chicago Art Union, which offers unparalleled inducements to purchase tickets. Visitors to the "Heart of the Andes," should not fail to visit the "Rocco di Papa," by Geo. L. Brown for the sake of *comparison*, exhibiting at the Art Union Gallery, and the great water color painting "Mary at the feet of the Savior," by Corbould. Also numerous other universal works of art may be seen, including the *one hundred gifts* to be distributed among eight hundred subscribers.

MCVICKER'S THEATRE.—This evening the great historical drama of "Joseph and his Brethren" will be produced, with every requisite to establish its success. One of Chicago's greatest favorites, Mrs. Kate Denin Ryan, has been engaged expressly for the character of "Joseph," which she has acted with great success in the Eastern cities. Mr. Wyndham, the artist of the Theatre, has prepared correct scenery for the piece; and, as is the case with every effort of McVicker's, nothing will be left undone to render this great drama a truthful picture of the characters and time it represents.

LADIES' CITY MISSION.—The monthly meeting of the Ladies' City Mission will be held at the Wabash Avenue M. E. Church, on Sabbath, the 13th inst., at 

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## TIMELY WARNING.

Let us warn the legislators at Springfield of one thing that they cannot safely disregard. Economy in the expenditure of public money is always a virtue. In times of great prosperity and abundance it is commendable; but on the approach of disaster and danger, it is a duty to neglect which is a high crime. Will our friends, the lawmakers, bear this in mind, and apply it to the following facts:

The country is entering upon a career which it has never pursued—into a path which it has never trodden, and the end of which no man can see. We do no violence to probability in saying that great dangers and great disasters lie in the way whether in advance or retreat. If we go forward, a struggle, not of long continuance but fierce, costly, and certain in its results, for the maintenance of the government and the supremacy of the law, is to be anticipated. While it lasts, the commerce and industry of the State must suffer to a greater or less extent. The resources of our people will be impaired, and the markets for their produce will be fluctuating and uncertain. Money will be scarce, and taxes levied for extraordinary purposes will not be easily paid. The credit of the State will share in the general depression; and the necessity for straining it to its utmost may arise.

If we recede and give up the constitutional rights which belong to majorities, and confess, as we should, that the Mexican method of managing public affairs has been naturalized on our soil, all confidence in the stability of the government and the permanence of rulers, whether of real or personal property, would be destroyed. All men would see that the next election, no matter how resulting, would be followed by disturbances more serious and perplexing than those now upon us; that the example of insubordination and treason inaugurated by the South will be quadrennially, or as often as an offensive act of Congress is passed, or an exciting canvass is closed, repeated by her and perhaps by other sections that will imitate her tactics; and that the government has only that vitality which would enable it to drag itself along, until anarchy or a military despotism closed our national career. Bring on that conviction, and all enterprise would be dead. The confidence which lately boasted of ours as the strongest government under the sun, and which impelled men into commercial and industrial pursuits such as no other people have dared so freely undertake; which opened new channels of communication by rail, built our commercial marine and established commercial relations with all the nations of the earth, settled and subdued new States in a decade, grasped for the possession of the Continent, and gave credit its convertibility and property its value—that confidence being destroyed, stagnation as complete as that of Egypt or Turkey would set in. Values in Illinois maintained by the uncertain tenure, would be lessened full one-half; and with that decline, the ability of the people to respond to taxation would be lost. We would be in the condition of France after the revolution was inaugurated by the meeting of the States General, when nobody anticipated the events which followed, but when everybody, filled with dread of the possibilities of the future, began to secure what they had gathered.

We point out to the Legislature the sources of danger which in any event, must be encountered; and beg both branches of that body to maintain a strict guard over the expenditures of the year. The finances of Illinois are in admirable train. Her debt is greatly reduced. Her credit admits of no impeachment in any of the money markets of the world. The taxes which she levies are comparatively light and are gladly paid. Let that condition of things be maintained; and to that end, let all propositions for the imposition of new burdens be carefully weighed; and where they can be rejected without manifest detriment to the public weal, or obvious loss to the public treasury, let them be passed over until another time. In any event, the interest on the public debt must be paid. If trouble is to be met and rebellion put down, our credit represents the sinews of war, and must, at whatever cost, be maintained. The ordinary expenses of government must be provided, or the machinery which secures law and order is stopped. Whatever is beyond these must be scrutinized with care. We utter the warning in time, and we assure the Republicans, particularly, that their constituents, when they come to realize the danger of the situation, will demand of them that the cautions we have uttered, shall be observed.

## THE ST. LOUIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

We gave place on Saturday morning to the letter of J. J. Mudd, Esq., formerly a citizen of St. Louis, in regard to the relation of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce to the Rock Island Bridge conspiracy. Want of space prevented our accompanying it with such remarks as its contents seemed to require.

In the first place, if in our recent articles, or those of any previous date, we in any way cast suspicion upon the integrity of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, our language certainly conveyed a meaning different from what we intended. We have not said, and we do not believe they would sanction, much less procure, the burning of the bridge. But we do say that their warfare against it, after it has been proved by the experience of four years, and by the concurrent testimony of the best engineers in the nation that it is not a material obstruction to navigation and also after the highest tribunals in the country have decided that the bridge has a right to be where it is, tends directly to produce and to cherish among the lawless and the vile, a spirit of incendiarism which would destroy the bridge at all hazards.

We do say that Bissell, who Mr. January, the President of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, testifies had received for services and been the disbursing agent of $25,000, besides, if we understand him, collecting moneys from steamboat captains and others to an indefinite amount, has been so nearly identified with efforts to burn this bridge that the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, if they wish to purge themselves from all responsibility, should not only distinctly disavow his acts, but they should cease to defend and employ him.

On the night of the 4th of June, 1859, it was proved on the Bissell trial, a most diabolical attempt to burn the bridge was made, and Mr. Bissell was shown to be in Davenport next morning. The theory of Bissell's counsel on his recent trial, was that a conspiracy had been found by Bradley and the Rock Island Railroad Company to implicate him in a plan to burn the bridge. Giving him, for the moment, the benefit of all his friends claim, was it not proved that Bissell was ready and willing to concur in the plot? A box of the most inflammable materials came by Express from St. Louis to this city. Bissell had several interviews with Bradley, and can even the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce doubt that he understood and approved of the plan? Can those gentlemen, consistently with their own integrity and sense of justice, continue to employ and defend Bissell, without, in some sense becoming responsible for his acts? He is, as we have been informed, an ardent and enthusiastic young man. He has been employed for a long time and has been paid, and has disbursed large sums of money to accomplish a specific purpose. Having failed to do it legally and without implying a greater amount of culpability than he often falls to our race, is he not obliged to say how he might be led or seduced into the path directly previous, to the attempt to fire the bridge at all hazards.

As the matter now stands, it is plain that the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce will consult their own dignity and honor by quietly dropping this warfare against the Rock Island bridge. The two or three great railway lines between the Atlantic and the Pacific will very soon require the bridging of all the rivers of the continent that cross their pathway. Before the year 1870 St. Louis herself will find it absolutely necessary to bridge the Mississippi at her own door. Indeed, in our judgment, her commerce requires it now. Then why continue to vex the Rock Island Bridge Company with useless and expensive lawsuits, and foster a spirit in the lawless that would apply the torch of the incendiary to one of the noblest structures in the Union?—a bridge that is essential to the commerce of two great States and which must soon become a national necessity. Let us all drop this vexed question where it is, and concede the right of the great highway of commerce to bridge all the rivers of the continent.

## MAJOR ANDERSON.

The march of events since the 20th of December, when Major Anderson eloped with his little command from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, has brought with it not merely a nation's gratitude for the patriotism of the man, but a nation's admiration for the genius which conceived and the decision which executed the act. While the public fortresses, ungarrisoned and defenceless, are falling into the hands of the enemies of the United States from North Carolina to Texas, the strongest of them all still bears aloft the national colors and frowns destruction upon the very head and front of the general Treason. So long as Fort Sumter remains in the hands of the sixty odd gunners and their heroic commander, the rattlesnake gentry on land, be they one thousand or one million in number, are more powerless for evil than a like number of Camanches or Flat-Heads on the western prairies. The government *de facto* of South Carolina is the government of the United States, and no chop-logic can make it otherwise while Major Anderson holds the power to sink any vessel that passes in or out of its principal port, and to knock the city to pieces or commit it to flames at his pleasure. The foreign nation which is called on to recognize the rebel commonwealth, will pooh-pooh the dunces who make the demand, and point with contempt to the muzzled harbor, where three score men maintain the only species of sovereignty known to the public law of the world. It is a sublime spectacle, this maddened and traitorous mob held in awe by a handful of brave and patriotic men, and compelled in spite of themselves to *behave themselves*—the sublimity of which is only enhanced by the commanding officer's forebearance to demolish the ant-hill batteries around him. What cares the lion for the barking beagles that caper about his heels, conscious of his power to dash their silly brains out whenever it shall be worth his while to do so?

Major Anderson's act has already become historical. He has stepped upon a pinnacle of fame almost unconsciously. He has shown in his rare courage and rarer modesty, that heroism still abounds in the land of his birth, and that only the time and exigency are wanting to call it to deeds of the loftiest renown.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

**Thompson's Resignation—His Course in the Cabinet—How the Disunionists Managed the President—What opened his Eyes—The Disunionists Overreached, and when—Party Essays—Let the North Stand Firm—Major Anderson Left.**

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9, 1861.

Another traitor has left the Cabinet. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior, has tendered his resignation to the President, on the ground that after the order to reinforce Anderson was countermanded on the 31st ult., there was no further use for troops in Florida, to be sent South without the subject being considered and decided in Cabinet meeting. But notwithstanding this alleged understanding, Secretary-of-War Holt, without the knowledge or permission of Thompson, dispatched the *Star of the West*, with 250 marines and artillerists, to reinforce Major Anderson, and that the steamer was nearly at her destination before he learned the fact; therefore he resigns. He was not a day too soon, as the President intended to dismiss him this very day. The reason he was not allowed to know that a reinforcement was to or had been sent to Fort Sumter, was because he was unworthy to know it. He is not only a traitor to the Union, but a spy for the rebels. Nothing could be done by the President or any of the Departments but he divulged it at once to the Disunion members of Congress. In several instances he telegraphed Cabinet secrets to the Disunion Governors in the Cotton States. He kept the enemy carefully informed of all that Gen. Scott was doing, of every step that Holt took, of everything that Stanton advised, of every word he could drop from any other governments such a traitor would have been promptly arrested and summarily executed for his enormous crime.

Thus the traitorous triumvirate—Cobb, Floyd and Thompson—are gone from the Cabinet, and their places filled by Union men. These three bad men have been the cause of the decline and fall of the President. They wielded an unlimited influence over his mind. He was but plastic clay in the hands of these treasonable potters. In this work of deception and betrayal, they were assisted by Gwin, Slidell and Davis. Between them they overpowered his own judgment and rendered him submissive to their schemes. All avenues for obtaining correct information as to the state of the country were cut off, and he was not allowed to hear the truth from any quarter. Buchanan has grown to be a very old man. He is nearly worn out. His brain has become feeble, his sight dim and his hearing dull. He never had a strong will, nor fixed moral convictions of right and wrong. His highest conceptions of statesmanship never rose above the plane of old school diplomacy, in which the art of governing was taught to consist of cunning and deceit. Then the revolt of Douglas and Forney on the Lecompton question alienated from him the bulk of his Northern supporters and threw him into the hands of the fire-eaters. He has associated with them and been sustained by them for three years. And it is only recently he began to doubt the sincerity of their devotion to his administration, and to suspect their real purposes. Buchanan has not desired a dismemberment of the Confederacy, however much his acts convict him of such intention. He has not been a traitor at *heart*. The conspirators who controlled him made him believe that they purposed nothing more than to make such a demonstration as would alarm the North, and force the Republicans to abandon their platform and concede new constitutional guarantees to the oligarchy. They persuaded him that if the Republican Party could be defeated, and so strong was the devotion to the Union in the free States that the Fusion party would overthrow them and then grant to the slaveholders whatever they might demand. They assured him that beyond frightening the North out of its principles, they had no intention of going; that it was merely Chinese warfare of making hideous noises and flinging stink-pots at the enemy, in which they were indulging, and that they did not meditate actual treason. They persuaded him that the State Conventions would not go further than to pass secession resolutions, and laying down certain "Southern Rights" ultimatums, which he was assured the free States could readily be drugooned into accepting. To this dastardly work he readily lent himself, until the movement of Anderson opened his eyes and discovered the awful gulf on the brink of which he stood. The frightened old man then began to retreat from the edge of the horrible cavern that yawned to receive him. Union counsels again predominated in his Cabinet. The conspirators were baffled and driven out of the administration, and true friends filled their places. That he is now doing his best to retrieve his sad mistakes is evident, though he walks in the path of duty with limping and faltering tread; but each day strengthens his purpose and quickens his pace. He has barely saved himself from a traitor's doom and the execrations of posterity. Let all good men pray that he may continue to grow stronger in his feeble resolution to defend the Union.

The united front presented by the North and the improved tone of the executive during the few past days are working good for the re-publik. One section of the secession leaders is beginning to despair of wringing from the North a constitutional recognition of property in man, and the other section is growing doubtful of effecting a united seceding South. It should be kept in mind that there are two classes of secessionists—the "separate State action" men and the "co-operationists." The former are led by such men as Toombs, Gwin, Davis, Benjamin, Iverson, Wigfall, Keitt, Hammond, Rhett, Lamar, Cobb, Floyd, and Thompson. This class of men are in favor of an Independent Southern Confederacy, African slave trade, free trade with direct taxation, a monarchial form of government, restricted suffrage, titled nobility, and a standing army. The other wing is represented by such men as Wise and Mason of Virginia, Brockinridge, Kennedy, Crittenden, Jo Lane, Fitzpatrick, Bright, Green, Millson, Pryor, Maynard, and Barret of St. Louis. The plan of the latter type of politicians is to wring from the fears of the North the absolute right of property in slaves, with a slave code for the territories, a partition of the public domain—all south of a given line to be forever slave soil which secures to them all further acquisitions from Mexico, and these demands to be incorporated into the Constitution. They threaten disunion, strongly pretending that unless their terms are granted they will set up an Independent slaveholding confederacy. Crittenden put forward as the most available tool to split the resolution of the North, and in the hypocritical garb of pacification and compromise, he comes with a forked tongue and asks the North to abandon its moral convictions, surrender its principles, and evacuate the free territories, to tear out of the Constitution the idea that man is born free, and replace it with the atheism that he may be of right the *property* of another. This is the treacherous, anti-Democratic part that Crittenden is pushed forward by the oligarchy to play.

The other wing of the slave power is prepared to risk all the hazzards of "separate State action" with the view of setting up a seperate confederacy.

The North has discovered that the evils complained of by the "South" are purely imaginary, and have no better basis than willful, deliberate treason and baffled perversions of the Constitution, and resisted usurpations upon popular rights. Both wings of the secessionists are getting to perceive that unforeseen difficulties will have to be surmounted. The "co-operationists" are amazed at the warlike temper exhibited by the masses in the free States. Instead of rushing to embrace their proposed compromises, the people of the free States are preparing to *shoot*; to defend the Constitution as it is. The "seperate State actionists" who dream of a utopian empire with a royal court and titled nobility, and free traffic in African negroes, are met by the contumacious North with a chilling blast that freezes their hot blood and congeals their airiest hopes. They see ahead nothing but civil war, a collision with the Federal Government, their ports blockaded, their trade cut off, and ruin and bankruptcy staring their section in the face. But they are too proud to back down now; they are therefore straining every nerve to drag the border States into the disunion movement, hoping thereby to alleviate their own miserable position and compel the North to accede to peaceable secession and a division of the Union on the line of Mason and Dixon. But let the North stand firm by the Union and the Constitution, and a lasting peace will issue from the present commotion. The Union will be no more disturbed during this century if the loyal States do their duty in this emergency.

It is now whispered that the *Star of the West* was not sent to Charleston, but to reinforce Pensacola and other important Florida forts. Scott permitted it to leak out that Fort Sumter was the destination of the troops. The Carolina snakes were thrown into a terrible spasm. They are nearly frightened out of their wits. To do or die, that is the question with them. They think that if they let the troops reach Fort Sumter, their secession game is blocked, while if they resist them, war immediately ensues, and South may come down and wipe them out, lying their dead Presbyterians, here and there. There is blood in the old fellow's eye. It is evident that he is aching in every joint for the word to march upon them. They feel themselves in the condition of the chap that discovered the necromancer's art of how to "raise the devil," which he proceeded to do; but as he had not learned the other more important half of the secret, "how to lay him again," he played the mischief sure enough. This is the dilemma into which the snaky gentlemen have got themselves. The condition of things in Charleston is awful. The mob rules the town; a perfect reign of terror exists; all business is stopped; the stores are being closed; no vessels arrive or depart; the poor are suffering for food; the rich are packing up and quietly leaving; many families have shipped off to the North; others have embarked for Europe; the banks are in dread of being entered and sacked, and are sending their coin and currency away to places of safety. Even the respectable females are growing alarmed that no robbery, murder, outrage and unnamable horrors may be added, while over and above all, the dread of servile insurrection with all its horrors brood continually. Verily the way of the transgressor is hard. They have sown to the winds and are now reaping the whirlwind.

CHICAGO.

## INDIANAPOLIS CORRESPONDENCE.

**Organization of the Legislature—The Democracy Open the Ball with "the Nigger"—The late Democratic State Convention—How they Expect to Split Indiana, and give part to South Carolina—U. S. Senator.**

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1861.

The Legislature of Indiana convened yesterday at 10 o'clock. The Senate proceeded to elect John R. Cravens of Jefferson county, (Republican) President, by a vote of 27, to 19 for the Democratic candidate. James N. Tyner of Miami county, and one of the late electors, was chosen principal Secretary, and S. G. Thompson Doorkeeper.

The House was called to order by Richard J. Ryan, Esq., former Clerk. The members were sworn in by Judge Perkins of the Supreme Court. Ninety-seven were present. Mr. Heffren (Democrat) then offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the members of this House will support no person for any office necessary to the organization of this House, who has not in favor of the preservation of the present Federal Union at any sacrifice of partizan theories or belief, upon a compromise of this slavery question which will secure the rights of each and every State. And that without reference to party antecedents, we recognize the proposition known as the "Crittenden Amendments," as presenting such a basis of settlement.

Mr. Ryan decided the resolution out of order, as the first business was the organization of the House. The object of the resolution was apparent. It was the intention of the Democracy to open the whole slavery question before the election of officers, or the election of a United States Senator, so as to, if possible, create a seeming division among the Republicans. The organization however went on, the Democracy not daring to appeal from the decision of the Clerk, who, though a Democrat, is not a disunionist or secession sympathizer. Cyrus M. Allen of Knox Co. (Republican) was elected Speaker by a vote of 59 to 20. J. N. Gordon of Indianapolis was chosen principal Clerk, and Johnston of Putnam Co. Doorkeeper.

The House being ready for business, Mr. Heffren again offered his Crittenden resolutions which were referred to a special committee of 13, by a direct party vote, the Republicans voting to commit.

The feeling of the Democracy here, at least those defeated in the last contest, can be judged partly from their acts, and partly from their resolutions passed at various county meetings. In Marion, when they held a State Convention, not over a hundred of the terrified being present. They resolved to go for the Crittenden amendment to the Constitution, but laid on the following resolution offered by Mr. Ryan on the table.

*Resolved*, That we hail with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction the overwhelming majority by which the gallant conduct of Major Anderson has been sustained in the popular branch of the American Congress.

They have sympathy for traitors, but no words of encouragement and cheer for those defending the flag of our country. A good view of their feelings can be ascertained by the following resolution, passed in a Democratic County Convention held at Carmelton, on Thursday of last week:

"*Resolved*, That if no concessions and compromises can be obtained, and a disunion shall be unfortunately made between the Northern and Southern States, then the commercial, manufacturing and agricultural interests of the people of this county require us to say that we cannot consent that the Ohio river shall be the boundary line of the contending parties, and we earnestly desire that if a line is to be drawn between the North and the South, that line shall be found north of us."

There is no doubt but the leaders of the Democracy in the extreme southern part of the State, at least the defeated candidates, desire to see secession go on, and then to either make the free States slave States, or drag Indiana into the Southern Empire. They are actually enrolling the militia, and commissioning the hardest kind of Democrats, as Colonels and Captains, ready to fall upon the arsenals at a moment's notice. The Republicans are, however, aware of all this, and are watching these movements.

The inauguration of Gov. Lane takes place on Monday next, and the Republicans go into caucus to nominate a United States Senator on Tuesday evening. No doubt is now entertained that Gov. Lane will be almost the unanimous choice of the Republicans for the place, although Gov. Morton and Hon. Will Cumback are talked of by their friends. It is rumored that the Democracy will cast their vote out of compliment to Ex-Governor Joseph A. Wright, now Minister to Prussia.

NORTH WEST.

## COUNTRY LETTER.

**Progress in the Country—Speculation—Prices—The Harvest—Rumors of Secession—Sentiments of Citizens—Corn, Hogs, Pigs, Cattle, Horses, &c.**

[Correspondence Chicago Tribune.]

CHAMPAIGN, Champaign Co., Ill., Jan. 8, '61.

Our exhibitions to come in very liberally and from three to four thousand bushels per day, in the car, has been the average for three weeks past. It has been ascertained that on Thursday, December 27th, there were brought to this station upwards of eight thousand bushels, all arriving on teams, the loads not averaging more than thirty bushels each. I give you the fact to illustrate the business of this station, and something else further on. Corn continues to go South, and our shippers are making a handsome profit. The price paid here is from 18 to 20 cents. The price in New Orleans ranges from 60 to 75 cents, and our dealers get a margin—over charges—for profit, of from 15 to 20 cents per bushel; consequently business is in a very satisfactory condition.

The Mississippi is not only very low, but ice-bound from Minnesota, to the mouth of the Missouri. There is, to be sure, a nse of three feet or so coming out of the Missouri, but practically for all business purpose, and the same is true of the Ohio, there is no shipping facilities North of Cairo, consequently the whole supply of grain and produce going South, has to take the railroad route to Cairo. I learn buyers are paying from 25 to 27 cents for corn in the car, at Mattoon. The people of Mattoon are part of the Secession hothouse, at which he is at present supplied with his fuel, and rather over than under which he will be supplied. Hence I think he will make a good officer.

DIDN'T PAY THE RENT.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* says:

It is stated here that the South Carolina commissioners in their haste to return to their homes, and by way of showing that repudiation is a part of the secession scheme, failed to pay the rent of the house they occupied while here. They hired it for the purpose of Commodore Smoot. Duff Green, acting as her agent in this matter, has written them a racy letter, which ought to find Treasury, as that is the fund that he will yet be able to recover the sum due, even if they have taken refuge in what they now claim to be a foreign State. Professor Wormley, who supplied their cuisine, was also left unpaid, and he has placed his claim, which is quite large, in the hands of a lawyer for collection. This whole affair is a beautiful illustration of the demoralizing influences of the secession movement, and of the tendency of its supporters to emblazon the repudiation principle upon their banners.

WHERE THEY GET FRUITS AT CHARLESTON.

On this point the correspondent of the Providence *Evening Press* remarks:

The drain of men from some callings is very great. An immense deal of work is now thrown on the tailors, to supply fatigue or undress uniforms, overcoats, &c., and so many journeymen are now in the army that it is very difficult, almost impossible even, to supply the demand. Upholsterers, each of them, and all of them, the newspaper offices, with the book and job offices, find great difficulty in keeping workmen enough to carry on their business.

From any part of the country, retail as well as wholesale stores, nearly every clerk has gone, and in the latter especially, arrangements have been made to supply the place of the clerks who are doing duty for the State.

THE MOB SPIRIT AT THE SOUTH.

The whole machinery of the Government at the South is controlled by the mobocratic despatch sent in cipher, yesterday, to Pensacola, was arrested at Mobile, and the Department notified to-day to that effect. The telegraph company have lost control of their own property, and are compelled to submit to the prevailing terrorism. This demoralization began under Lincoln's administration, and has ramified through all the service. The Post Office and other departments of Government are notoriously perverted by the Disunionists to their own purposes, and the Departments have been compelled to appoint special messengers on any important business.

## ITEMS OF THE REBELLION.

**PRAYER IN FORT SUMTER—AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.**

The Baltimore *American* of Monday has the following story:

One of the Baltimoreans who recently returned from Fort Sumter, details an impressive incident that took place there on Major Anderson taking possession. It is known that the American flag brought away from Fort Moultrie was raised at Sumter precisely at noon on the 26th ultimo, but the incidents of that "flag raising" have not been related. It was a scene that will be a lasting reminiscence of those who witnessed it. A short time before noon, Major Anderson assembled the whole of his little force, with the workmen employed on the fort, around the foot of the flag-staff. The national ensign was attached to the cord, and Major Anderson, holding the cord in his hand, it was to be hoisted gradually down. The officers, soldiers and men clustered around, many of them on their knees, all deeply impressed with the solemnity of the scene. The chaplain made an earnest prayer —such an appeal for support, encouragement and mercy as one would make who felt that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." As he concluded, solemn words of the "Amen" ceased, and the men responded "amen" with a fervency that perhaps they had never before experienced. Major Anderson drew the "star-spangled banner" up to the top of the staff, the band broke out with the national air of "Hail Columbia," and loud and exultant cheers, repeated again and again, were given by the officers, soldiers and workmen. "It," said the narrator, "South Carolina had at that moment attached the fort there would have been no hesitation upon the part of any man within it before defending that flag."

BROWNLOW ON SECESSION PREACHERS.

Parson Prownlow, of the Knoxville (Tenn.) *Whig*, is very severe on certain Secession clergymen of the South. He says:

We notice in our exchanges that Dr. Palmer of New Orleans, and Dr. Thornwell of South Carolina, Old School Presbyterians, have both seceded, and that the Synod of Nashville has also manifested a leaning that way. By industry and great frugality he has been enabled to erect and render habitable a log house with some appearance of comfort. He is not able to lose what he must by this violence, unless the loss is made up to him. Now, if he is willing to do pioneer work in bringing civilization into this barbarous region, will not citizens in more favored parts of Illinois cheerfully, even gladly share his pecuniary loss? I propose, then, that every one who wants this letter forward to "Mr. James M. West, Broad Oak, Pope Co., Ill.," what they can afford to give, with directions to use the money to repair his loss, to provide means of defense for his wife and children, and to bring the culprits to justice as soon as they shall be discovered.

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JAY.

## MOB VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

**The House of Rev. J. M. West Riddled by a Mob—Narrow Escape of his Family from Death.**

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

BROAD OAK, Pope Co., Ill., Jan. 8, 1861.

Editors of the Chicago Tribune:

Last Saturday night witnessed another of those scenes of violence which have made this portion of Illinois a reproach to the whole State. Your readers may remember that last spring you noticed threats and inflammatory articles published in our county paper against Rev. James M. West, one of the most estimable men I ever knew. That editor, the writer of those articles, ran himself out, and left Galconda, several months ago, and we all hoped that no outrage would be perpetrated, but that public sentiment was so strong against mobs that their day was past.

On Saturday night, January 5th, we had all retired, fearing no danger, when, about 10 o'clock, Mr. West was aroused by a loud knocking at the front door. He went to the door and asked what was wanted.

"We want to come in and warm."

"I am willing you should warm yourselves, but I want you to be civil about it," said Mr. West. "How many are there of you?"

"Two."

"What are your names?"

"Clodhead and Grasshopper."

Mr. West then opened the door a little way, but seeing them make no attempt to enter, and besides, rightly judging that that they intended no good, closed it again, when immediately shots and volleys were fired in, and a shower of stones of all sizes, from one pound weight up to a hundred.

Then followed a scene which I wish never to witness again. The broken glass rattled about the beds and on the floor; stones were falling on the beds and on the floor, or striking against the opposite wall with such force as to shatter them. My own wife and Mrs. West clasped their babes with maternal instinct, and called on God for deliverance from impending death. I caught my little daughter and shielded her as best I could; while Mr. West's older children sought shelter for the younger in parts of the room less exposed to the missiles of death, hurled by infuriate wretches made more diabolish by whisky.

We were entirely without means of defense, not supposing that the mob spirit would ever revive in this region. Of course, we were all taken by surprise. The reply of Mr. West, when asked what was best to be done, showed the character of the man—a devout Christian: "Let us just trust in God, Brother Davis," said he.

After breaking the front windows and beating off half the door, the mob withdrew for a few minutes, whereupon Mrs. West, without protection for her feet, and with scanty clothing, but pressing her babe to her bosom, made her way, as best she could, in the cold and darkness, nearly half a mile, to a neighbor's where she arrived with feet torn and bleeding. Her object was to secure help for her husband and the rest, for she knew not what fresh horrors might yet be perpetrated. Before she left, a stone, hurled with demoniac violence, grazed her arm and passed over her baby's head. Providentially it did not come home, but his wife sent one of his sons, a young lad, to summon others to the rescue. Mr. West was also considerably wounded by the flying missiles.

Soon the mob came up again, and once more stones came whirling into the room; the door was again battered, and giving way before the repeated blows, fell upon the floor. The front windows had now lost all their glass, while one was demolished, and one half the other; the doors was down; other windows were broken; about fifty stones were on the floor and beds. This, so far as the house was concerned, seemed to satisfy the mob, and they turned their attention to finishing the programme. They took two of Mr. West's horses from the pasture gate, they departed, throwing down the fence for a great distance.

In an hour afterwards neighbors came in, and after counting three another company, which last went to a building nearly a mile distant, thinking the mob might be there, but they were disappointed.

There were a dozen of us in the room; four grown, four under four years of age, and four between four and fifteen. Through the good providence of God, not one of us was injured. But the damage done is a serious loss to the estimable man, whose resources at the most are but slender. By industry and great frugality he has been enabled to erect and render habitable a log house with some appearance of comfort. He is not able to lose what he must by this violence, unless the loss is made up to him. Now, if he is willing to do pioneer work in bringing civilization into this barbarous region, will not citizens in more favored parts of Illinois cheerfully, even gladly share his pecuniary loss? I propose, then, that every one who wants this letter forward to "Mr. James M. West, Broad Oak, Pope Co., Ill.," what they can afford to give, with directions to use the money to repair his loss, to provide means of defense for his wife and children, and to bring the culprits to justice as soon as they shall be discovered.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

THE ARMAMENTARIUM OF LONDON—Medicine and Surgery—Apparatus and Appliances—Instruments and Machines—Drugs and Chemicals—Books and Publications—Everything necessary for the Physician, Surgeon, Druggist, Chemist, Student, Hospital, Infirmary, Asylum, Laboratory, Museum, Lecture Room, Dispensary, Medical Institution, Medical Man, Medical Profession, Medical Science, Medical Practice, Medical Treatment, Medical Education, Medical Literature, Medical Publications, Medical Apparatus, Medical Appliances, Medical Instruments, Medical Machines, Medical Drugs, Medical Chemicals, Medical Books, Medical Publications, Medical Everything, Medical Everything, Medical Everything

# Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1861.


## MONETARY.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 12, 1861.

The week has been an eventful one. Immediately after the first of January exchange began to decline from the high rate—¾ per cent—at which it had ruled for some six weeks, the fall amounting to almost a point, till it reached ¾ per cent., and that figure, though still three times above what it ought to be, gave great satisfaction to our mercantile community. This week the market opened with a rising scale, and it went up till it reached 8 per cent. premium yesterday, where it remains today. As might be expected, the demand has become very light, and most of the banks report the market easier to-day, though the current rate is still maintained. The buying price is 7@7¼. Banks don't like to give over 7.

Within the last two or three days we learn that large purchases of pork have been made by merchants and shipped east to make exchange. Should the rate remain at the present figure, this policy will be very generally adopted by all who have large remittances to make. It will tend very essentially to regulate the exchange market and bring down the price to living rates. Let the work go on.

Gold having nominal at 6, selling 8 per cent. premium. Little wanted.

PREMIUM AND UNCURRENT MONEY.

The following figures show the closing rates for currency, exchange, &c., as corrected daily by F. Granger Adams, editor of the *Chicago Bank Note List*, No. 61 Clark street:

| | BUYING. | SELLING. |
|---|---|---|
| Exchange on New York | *Prem.* | *Prem.* |
| N. Y. & N. Eng. solvent Bank Notes | 6 | 8 |
| Ill. State, Int. and Indiana State | 6 | ... |
| Mich. and Canada | 5 | ... |
| New Jersey and Iowa | 4 | ... |
| Penn., Md., Mo. & Western Banks | Par | ... |
| Gold | 6 | ... |

UNCURRENT MONEY.

| | *Dis.* | *Dis.* |
|---|---|---|
| Discredited Illinois | 15 | ... |
| Va., N. C., Ala., Ga., & old Tenn. | 5 | ... |
| South Carolina | 10 | ... |
| Stock Banks of Tennessee | 5@10 | ... |

MILWAUKEE.—The *Sentinel* of this morning quotes exchange scarce at 6 per cent. premium. This quotation is for current funds, making the issues of the banks of that State worth 1@1¼ per cent more than those of Illinois. A fine compliment that for our "well secured currency." By the quotations in the card of Mr. Adams, above given, it will be seen that the bills of the Iowa State Bank are worth 4 per cent above our own currency. This is compliment No. 2, to which we desire to call the special attention of our legislators at Springfield, and of the Bank Convention soon to assemble in that city.

ST. LOUIS.—We quote as follows from the *Democrat* of yesterday:

The rate of exchange is still firmer to-day, dealers having themselves bought to a considerable extent at 3 per current, prem. for sight drafts. Of course to allow them any profit, they must sell at an advance above this. Our banks, with few exceptions, are not offering at all, but force the purchaser to call for them to obtain supplies, except by shipping coin. As this is already sufficiently explained for the benefit of this article, they can do nothing. Some little sight on the East is making by way of shipping gradoes to New York and Boston, the proceeds to be remitted East from there at about ¼ discount. A few bills are making daily on New Orleans, which are bought at par, and at about ¼ per cent. per annum off. But banks do not care to buy those running longer than 60@90 days.

CINCINNATI.—The *Gazette* of yesterday says:

The news from Charleston had rather a depressing influence among our bankers to-day, and the feeling generally was to hold up for further intelligence. There is very little paper offering, for no one is disposed to run after it at the highest rates current. The deposits are not very heavy, and balances do not accumulate. Currency may be considered scarce, and there is not much doing in uncurrent money. Exchange is stiffening up. We quote:

| | Buying. | Selling. |
|---|---|---|
| New York Sight | ¾@¾ prem | ¾ prem. |
| New Orleans | ¾@¾ prem | ¾@1 prem. |
| Southern Gold | ¾@¾ prem | ¾@1 prem. |

Gold is quite firm, and as will be seen by our quotations above, has advanced to ¾@¾ buying, and ¾@1 per cent. selling.

## COMMERCIAL

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 12, 1861.

The following are the receipts and shipments for the past forty-eight hours:

| | Flour, bbls. | Wh't, bu. | Corn, bu. | Oats, bu. | Rye, bu. | Bar, bu. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. & C. U. R. R. | 1264 | 453 | ... | 400 | 96 | ... |
| C. & R. I. R. R. | 400 | 1750 | 2100 | ... | ... | 400 |
| I. C. R. R. | ... | 1000 | 2000 | 2100 | ... | ... |
| C. & M. R. R. | 995 | 1333 | 9643 | ... | 330 | 154 |
| C. & N. W. R. R. | 1794 | 9680 | ... | ... | 1128 | 44 |
| C. A. & S. L. R. | 90 | 8349 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total ..... | 3549 | 24000 | 19975 | 2233 | 1594 | 1566 |

| | Dr'y'd Live Hogs lbs. | No. | High. No. | Low. lbs. | No. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. & C. U. R. R. | 2500 | 541 | 60 | 42 | ... |
| C. & R. I. R. R. | ... | 1000 | 225 | 225 | 5000 |
| I. C. R. R. | ... | 275 | 13 | ... | 6000 |
| C. & M. R. R. | ... | 691 | 406 | ... | 1000 |
| C. & N. W. R. R. | 444 | 397 | ... | ... | 1130 |
| C. A. & S. L. R. | ... | ... | 316 | ... | ... |
| Total ..... | 2944 | 2229 | 716 | 812 | 19 | 28733 |

The market for Dressed Hogs to-day was scarcely so firm, the demand being chiefly for shipment. At the close of the day sales of 100@150 were made on very choice shipping lots, but towards the close buyers held off, and the market was rather weak. Provisions quiet but firm.

There was less activity in the Wheat market and prices declined ¼@¾c on yesterday's outside figures, with sales at 59@59½c for No. 1, and 76@ 78½c for No. 2 Spring. Choice brands of Flour were in good request for shipment and the market advanced 5c per bbl. Common to good samples remain unchanged. Some 2,000 bbls were sold at $4.00@4.30 for common to good, and $4.40 for choice Spring Extras.

Corn was quiet and ½c lower, with sales of mixed at 25¾@26c in store. Oats steady and more active. Rye dull. Barley dull and drooping. There is a good inquiry for Green Seed. Timothy Seed in market is firm and ¼c better with sales at 2¾ @2¼c. Highwines quiet.

## Daily Review of Chicago Market.

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FLOUR—Receipts 3549 bbls. Market active and advancing 5c on choice. Sales were as follows: 200 bbls "Princeton City" (flat hoop), 54 bbls "Chicago Mills," 500 bbls "Beloit City," and 100 bbls "Sterling" (flat hoop), at $4.50 del.; 200 bbls "Stevens' Mills," 100 bbls "Waverly," and 74 bbls "Commercial," good Spring Extras, at $4.30 del.; 100 bbls "Hendrick's" low grade Extra, at $4.10 del.; 100 bbls "Hendrick's" low grade Extra, and 100 bbls (brand not mentioned) at $4.00 del.; 75 bbls "Arcadia" choice Superfine at $4.00 del.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,000 bu. Market ¾@¾c lower. Sales were as follows:—1000 bu Northwestern Club at 83c in store; 2300 bu No. 1 Spring at 80½@¾c in store; 1300 bu do at 80½c in store; 1000 bu do at 80½c delivered; 10,000 bu No. 2 Spring at 76¾c in store; 3000 bu do at 76¼c in store; 700 bu do at 76c delivered; 1000 bu do at 75c in store; 1000 bu Rejected at 62c in store.

CORN—Receipts, 38,375 bu. Market declined ¾c. Sales were as follows: 1000 bu Mixed at 29c in store; 11,000 bu do at 28¾c in store; 700 bu Rejected at 27½c in store.

OATS—Receipts, 2233 bu. Market steady. Sales 2000 bu No. 1 in bulk at 17½c in store.

RYE—Receipts, 1594 bu. Market dull. Sales 120 bags by sample at 46c on track.

BARLEY—Receipts, 1566 bu. Dull and drooping. Sales 165 bags at 44c on track.

HIGHWINES—Receipts, 129 brls. Market steady. Sales 108 brls City at 19½c.

PROVISIONS—Market quiet but firm. Holders of Mess Pork generally ask $10.50@10.75, and Prime Mess sold at $8.50. 50 brls prime Lard held at 10c. CORN MEAL—Market dull. Sales 22 bags bolted at $1.60 per bbl.

BUTTER—Supply large and market dull. We quote:—Dairy, 15c; good Firkin, 12@14c; Common do, 9@10½c.

SEED—Receipts, 3944 lbs. Timothy Seed quiet at $2.00@2.25 for common to prime. Clover quiet and unchanged.

HIDES—Receipts, 26,383 lbs. Green Hides firm and more active, with an advance of 5c on the green lots. Sales of Inspected Steers—Green Country, 50½c; Green Salted, 54½@55c; Dry Salted, 1@1½c; Dry Flint, 1@1½c.

POTATOES—Good sound Neshannocks in fair request at 30@35c.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens firm and in good demand at 4½@5½c per lb; Dressed Turkeys quiet at 6½@7½c per lb.

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| Hogs averaging | lbs. | at | $6.50 |
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| 26 | 255 | " | 6.14½ |
| 28 | 260 | " | 6.20 |
| 7 all over | 300 | " | 6.00 |
| 295 at | $5.50 | $6.00 | dividing on ..... 200 lbs. |
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## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

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GRAIN—Wheat firm, but prices lower, however, only very moderate business for export and home consumption. Sales 50,000 bu good Chicago spring at $1.24, 30,000 do prime Milwaukee club do at $1.30@1.31, 30,000 bu Wisconsin and Iowa at $1.30@1.31; 9000 good winter red western at $1.37; 7000 bu white Kentucky at $1.42½; 4000 bu red state at $1.35, and 100 bu early white Virginia at $1.65. Rye quiet, with sales of 900 bu at 74@75c. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet. Corn 1c lower, with sales of 70,000 bu at 37@38c for new mixed western in store; 70@ 72c delivered—the latter for very choice. In oats a moderate business doing at 30@32c for western and 34@35c for state.

PROVISIONS—Pork market firmer for mess, with active demand and prices ruling higher. Sales 700 bbls at $17.00@17.25 for mess, $12.00@13.12 for prime, and 200 bbls at $16.00@16.50 for extra. Sales 175 bbls at $4.75@5.00 for country prime, $5.75@6.75 for country mess, $8.00@9.00 for repacked mess, and $10.00@11.00 for extra mess. Prime State beef dull and nominal. Beef hams quiet and firm at $13.00@14.00 for state and western. Cut meats full and heavy at 5¾@6c for shoulders and 7¾@8c for hams. Hogs firm at 5½@5¾c for new and 6¼@6½c for old. Bacon weighty at 6½c for long clear; more doing. Sales 50 boxes long ribbed middles on private terms, and 100 boxes long ribbed middles on private terms. Lard quiet and firm with fair demand. Sales 200 bbls at 9¾@10¾c for western; the latter price for a very choice kettle rendered. Butter and cheese firm and in fair demand for state. Cheese steady at 9@10c for inferior to prime.

GROCERIES—Coffee unchanged and quiet. Sugar firmer. Sales of 1,000 hhds Cuba at 6¼@6¾c, and 400 bags Rio at 6¼c. Molasses nominal. Rice steady. Sales of 100 tierces Carolina at 6¼@6¾c. Rice dull at 5½@5¾c. Spices quiet and unchanged. Petroleum firm at 25c. Hay dull at 90c@$1.00. Tobacco quiet and unchanged. Sales of 100 bales Kentucky at 6@11c. Seeds dull. Sales of 200 bags Timothy at $2.00@2.10. Whisky dull at 19½@20c. Freights dull. Cotton to Liverpool ¼d. Flour 2s 6d. Wheat 7½d. Corn 6d. Cargoes dull. Cotton to Liverpool ¼d. Flour 2s 6d. Wheat 7½d. Corn 6d. Cargoes dull. CHARLESTON, Jan. 12.—COTTON—Sales 1,000 bales at 10½@11c. RICE—Sales 100 tierces at 5½@6c. GOLD—Buying at par. SILVER—Buying at ¼ prem.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The President has made a formal order directing the heads of the Departments to withdraw all their advertising patronage from the *Constitution* newspaper. The immediate cause of this act is supposed to be the censures of that journal regarding the sending of troops to Charleston.

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A private letter from Florida dated Jan. 7th, says a number of delegates from West Florida express themselves to the effect that if the State should secede without a proper general understanding, they will secede from the other part of the state, and all west of the Apalachicola River annex themselves to Alabama. The Arsenal at Apalachicola has been seized by order of the Governor, under the pretext that the United States officer was about to remove the arms.

Mr. Sherman said to-day in the House that after the navy and army bills shall have been disposed of, the opportunity desired by Southern men for debate will be afforded.

It is said that Mr. Taylor, chief clerk of the New York Post Office, will be appointed Postmaster of that city, in place of Gen. Dix, appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

At a private dinner party yesterday, high words passed between Senator Toombs and Lieut. Gen. Scott. According to relations in Congressional circles, the conversation turned on the sending of troops to Charleston, when Mr. Toombs expressed the hope that the people there would sink the Star of the West. The General, with much exactness, asked whether it was possible that he, as an American, desired such an event. Mr. Toombs replied affirmatively, and that those who would send the vessel there would be sunk with her. Gen Scott thereupon said he was responsible for what he said, and Mr. Toombs remarked, "You have known me for twenty-five years, and are aware that I, too, am responsible." The matter here ended, but the subject, it is said, is now in the hands of friends.

It is probable that the Mississippi delegation will formally retire from Congress to-morrow.

Lieut. Talbot has arrived from Maj. Anderson with dispatches for the Government.

Senator Hunter's speech to-day, advocating a Southern Confederacy, produced a profound sensation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Lieut. Talbot reports that the condition of Fort Sumter is not so favorable as was believed by the Government. Twenty-seven guns are mounted on the first tier, eight on the third tier, and they are mounting others. The second tier of embrasures is blocked up. The fort, he thinks, can hold out for months if supplies, three being plenty of fuel and good water. The statement of abundant supplies is probably made by the officers to quiet the apprehensions of the Government. Lieut. Talbot's brother has repeatedly stated that the supplies were abundant. It is said the Administration is determined to send supplies at all hazards, and it is reported to-day that the Brooklyn will go down, and if necessary, engage the batteries on Morris Island without, crossing the bar, while other vessels will enter or escort the Star of the West to Fort Sumter.

It is asserted on apparently reliable authority that Hon. Wm. O. Butler of Kentucky, goes into the War Department. Gen. B. is regarded by Kentuckians here as a decided Southern man, and public opinion is wavering as to the President's policy.

The *Times* correspondent, referring to the difficulty between Gen. Scott and Senator Toombs, says the former expressed himself that Scott made some severe remark, and soon the lie was given, when he rose to resent it, but Senator Gwin interfered and parted them. Rumor says hostile notes have passed between them.

In the Committee of 33 to-day all propositions for compromise submitted were dismissed in consequence of Mr. Corwin's report not being fully prepared. Mr. Kellogg of Illinois, Rust of Arkansas, Adams of Massachusetts, Tappan of Ohio, Winslow of Tennessee, Humphreys of New York and others spoke. Nothing definite was considered upon it; they adjourned till 11 o'clock Monday, when Mr. Corwin says he will make a final report.

The detective officers from New York have recently made discoveries which lead quite directly to the middle party who negotiated the hypothecated bonds of the Interior Department. This party is not known in the city.

Capt. Stone continues to push the organization of the militia in the District of Columbia, and finds it is forming and effective.

The arrangements making will, within the next few days provide sufficient lawful force here to defend the Capitol against any Maryland combined at any attempt at invasion.

It is the purpose of Mr. Buchanan to veto the Pacific Railroad bill, if it is sent to him. His objection is not to the measure itself, but what he calls creating a great debt in the present condition of the country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Mr. Dix, Secretary of the Treasury, will not enter upon his office till after next week, having previously to arrange home business in New York.

There was a Cabinet meeting last night till a late hour on the dispatch brought by Lieut. Talbott from Major Anderson. There is no reason to believe that anything further will be yielded to South Carolina.

It is believed that the bill introduced in the Legislature of Missouri prohibiting the Mayor or Sheriff of St. Louis from the use of the police force to suppress riot, looked to the seizure of the public property, and hence troops have been concentrated there.

The Senate galleries and avenues leading to the Chamber are densely crowded to hear Mr. Seward.

### Alabama Secedes from the Union.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 11.—The following passed the Alabama State Convention to-day:

"An Ordinance to dissolve the Union between the State of Alabama and other States united under the compact and style of the United States of America."

WHEREAS, The election of Lincoln and Hamlin by a sectional party avowedly hostile to the domestic institutions and the peace and safety of the people of the State of Alabama, following upon the heels of many and dangerous infractions of the Constitution of the United States, by many of the States and people of the Northern States, is a political wrong of so insulting a character as to justify the high-handed measure of separation, the adoption of prompt and decided measures for their future peace and security. Therefore,

Be it declared and ordained by the people of Alabama, in Convention assembled, that the State of Alabama now withdraws from the Union known as the United States of America, and henceforth ceases to be one of the said United States, and is of right, and ought to be a sovereign independent State.

And be it further declared and ordained by the people of the State of Alabama, in Convention assembled, that all powers over the territory of the State of Alabama, and the persons thereof, heretofore delegated to the Government of the United States, be and they are hereby resumed by the said Government, and are hereby resumed and vest to the people of the State of Alabama.

And as it is the desire and purpose of the people of Alabama to meet the slaveholding States of the South who approve such a purpose, in order to frame a provisional or a permanent government upon the principles of the Government of the United States, be it also resolved by the people of Alabama, in Convention assembled, that the Governor of the State of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri be and they are hereby invited to meet the State of Alabama by their delegates in Convention on the 4th day of February next, in Montgomery, Alabama, for the purpose of consultation with these States as to the most effectual mode of securing concerted action in whatever measures may be declared proper and desirable for the common peace and security.

And be it further resolved, that the President of this Convention shall at once be instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble, ordinance and resolutions to the several States named in the said resolutions.

Done in behalf of the people of Alabama in Convention assembled at Montgomery, this 11th day of January, 1861."

The preamble, ordinance and resolutions were adopted by ayes 61—noes 39.

After the adoption of the ordinance, the hall was crowded with visitors. A splendid flag presented by the ladies of Alabama was conveyed to the President's stand and formally presented to the Convention in a handsome and eloquent address. Mr. Smith, delegate from Tuscaloosa, followed in a feeling reference to the stars and stripes, and then invoked the blessing of heaven on the new flag. Alpheus Baker, of Eufaula, then returned the thanks of the Convention to the ladies in most eloquent terms.

The ordinance of secession will be ratified next Monday, when it is believed that many other delegates will sign it.

An immense mass meeting is now being held in front of the Capitol, and distinguished cooperation delegates are pledging their constituents to vote to sustain the action of the Convention. The secession flag presented by the ladies is now waving over the Capitol amidst the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon and the cheering of the people. The most intense enthusiasm prevails.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 11.—The city is brilliantly illuminated to-night, from the Capitol to the river, while the streets are filled with enthusiastic people. An immense crowd assembled in Montgomery Hall, and were addressed by Congressmen Curry and others.

MOBILE, Jan. 12.—The secession of the State has caused great rejoicing here. 100 guns have been fired in honor of the event. Impromptu speeches are being made on all the prominent buildings. To-night the city will be illuminated, and there will be a military parade. $100,000 has been subscribed by the citizens for the defense of Mobile.

The venerable and eminent Bishop Cobb, of the Episcopal diocese of Alabama, died yesterday.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—*Herald* correspondent says James M. Carlisle of Va. will probably be nominated Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Branch of N. C. is talked of for Post-Master-General, in case Mr. Holt's name is sent to the Senate for Secretary of War.

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It is understood that a meeting is to be held of certain filibusters to-morrow, to oppose the Governor's proclamation for the suppression of the meeting to-day.

The steamship North Star, from Aspinwall, with $1,625,94, has arrived. California news anticipated.

### Banquet to Floyd.

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NASHVILLE, Jan. 12.—The House unanimously passed a bill calling a Convention on the 18th of February, and an election for delegates on the 28th of January. The Convention resolves to withdraw from the Union, then their action is to be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. The same bill passed a second reading in the Senate. It will undoubtedly pass a third reading on Monday.

### Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—The returns indicate that the secessionists have a majority in the Louisiana Convention.

At the election at Galveston, on the 8th inst., candidates favoring a Southern Confederacy obtained a majority.

Depredations on the Texas frontier continue.

### All the U. S. Forts in Louisiana in Possession of Armed Rebels.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A special dispatch to the *Herald* says:

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The Crusader has not enter the Mississippi. The excitement continues very great.

### The U. S. Forts in Florida.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 11.—A private dispatch in the *Courier* says that the Federal troops have abandoned all the forts of Pensacola harbor except Fort Pickens, where they have concentrated, nearly 300 men have left Mobile to surprise Ft. Pickens.

### Against Compromise.

NEWARK, Jan. 12.—The Republican meeting here, this evening, adopted resolutions against any compromise, reindorsing the Republican platform, in favor of sustaining the Constitution and enforcing the laws, and approving of Major Anderson's course.

### Kansas—A Session Governor.

LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Jan. 12.—The message of the acting Governor to the Territorial Legislature, is mainly devoted to local affairs. The financial condition of the Territory is discouraging, owing in part to the disastrous effect of the drouth. The total number of acres subject to taxation is 3,000,000. The total number of farms is 125,326, valued at $6,610,000. Total amount of taxable property in the Territory, $22,000,000. The total amount of tax levied in 1860 and 1860 was $83,000. About $23,000 of this levied in 1859 still remains unpaid. He recommends tow ship, county and municipal organization for the mineral regions of Western Kansas.

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In regard to the Pacific Railroad, he thinks the present distracted state of the country is owing to the aggressive policy of the Republican party, and urges union and conciliation, but if dissolution does place he trusts that Kansas will decline an identification with either portion of the Union, but establish a separate and independent government.

### Milwaukee for the Union.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 12.—The business men of this city gave a grand banquet at the Newhall House last night, in compliment to that Hotel. John G. Inbusch presided, saluted by Col. G. H. Walker. Strong Union speeches were made, and the names of Gen. Scott and Major Anderson were received with tremendous applause.

A volunteer rifle company was formed, with the intention of tendering their services to the Government.

### The Ice Boat.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 13.—The reported success of the Wizard ice boat is untrue. No trial trip has been made. The wood was broke in launching at Prairie du Chien, and it will take some time to repair the damage.

### XXXIVTH CONGRESS—Special Session.

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SENATE.—The proceedings of the Senate were opened with prayer.

Mr. CAMERON asked whether a vote could be taken to allow persons on the floor of the Senate.

Mr. TOOMBS objected.

The PRESIDENT decided that the rule might be dispensed with by unanimous consent.

Further objection being made, a vast number of ladies and gentlemen retired to the lobby rooms. The diplomatic corps is in attendance. At least a thousand ladies and twelve hundred gentlemen are in the galleries, and it is impossible for any more to obtain admission.

A motion to fill a vacancy in the Board of Regents in the Smithsonian Institute, was laid on the table.

Mr. GWIN moved that the Senate proceed to the special order, the consideration of the President's Message.

Mr. SEWARD took the floor. He said Congress reassembled this winter in the presence of derangement of business and the disturbance of public affairs as well as laws of peace, and in the face of seditious combinations to overthrow the Union. The alarm is appalling, for the Union is not more the body than liberty is the soul of the nation. He avowed his adherence to the Union and its integrity in all its parts, "with my friends, with my party, with my State, with my country, or without either, as they may determine, in every event, whether of peace or war, with every consequence of honor or dishonor, or life or death."

After stating that the Union cannot be saved by mutual recriminations or continuance of debate on a constitutional power of Congress over the subject of slavery in the Territories, or discussing the right of the Federal Government to coerce States into obedience, he says, if this Union is to go, the latter question will give way to a more practicable one, whether many seceding States have a right to secede from a nation left to it by acquiescence in dissolution. He abhorred civil war, did not know what the Union would be worth if it was saved by a sword, yet he said he did not agree with those who desire to avert the calamity or advise conventional or unopposed separation with a view to what they call a "re-construction of the Union."

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